

Women's Activities

and Sandhills Social Events

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James Collinses Move To Rockingham Due to His Business Promotion

James McLeod H. Collins, who for the past several years has been supervisor of the Collins Department Store chain, was recently promoted to manager of the Collins Store in Rockingham.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Collins, he is a native of Southern Pines, where he graduated from high school. He attended the University of North Carolina, later transferring to the University of South Carolina, where he graduated with a degree in business administration.

Mr. Collins, his wife, the former Ann Lallande, and their two daughters, Kim and Beth, have moved to Rockingham where they are living at 409 Richmond Road.

MARDI GRAS BALL

Ed Turbeville and his orchestra will play for dancing from 9 to 1 at the Mardi Gras Ball, sponsored for the fifth year by the St. Anthony's Women's Club. Reservations can still be made, by a call to Mrs. Lee Smithson, for the Ball, to be held tomorrow (Friday) night at the National Guard Armory. Tickets will be sold at the door.

COOKBOOK SALE

The Southern Pines FHA Chapter is conducting a sale of the new cookbook "Favorite Recipes of American Home Economics Teachers," to raise money for a school project. They hope to present the school with a gift with the proceeds on the sale of the book, which is available in the Home Economics Department.

Looking Ahead

FAYETTEVILLE MEETING
The Licensed Practical Nurses of Division 7 will have their regular monthly meeting at Confederate Widows Home, Old Bragg Road, Fayetteville, on Tuesday, March 6, at 7:30 p. m.

ST. MARY'S GUILD

The Rev. Martin Caldwell will speak to St. Mary's Guild on "Preparation for Lent," Monday at 2:30 p. m. in the parish hall of Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Tea will be served. Visitors are welcome.

DAR MEETING

The Alfred Moore Chapter, DAR, will meet Saturday, March 10, at 2:30 p. m. at the Southland Hotel. Hostesses will be Mrs. H. A. Collins, Mrs. L. A. DesPland, Mrs. E. V. Perkinson, Mrs. P. J. Chester and Mrs. Irene Nowell. There will be a program on National Defense and a book review. A board meeting is scheduled for 2 p. m.

LEARN MORE CLASS

The Learn More Bible Class meets Monday at 8 p. m. with Mrs. Lena McFarland on Kensington Road.

Girl Scout News

Brownie Troop 117, with Mrs. Kay Brezinsky, leader, and Girl Scout Troop 110, led by Mrs. James Aldridge, marched in Saturday's pre-Mardi Gras Ball parade here.

Girl Scouts taking part included Harriet Roberts, Carol Drexel and Sandra Smithson, honor guard; and Jane Buchholz, Cheryl Thompson, Cathie McStravick, Pam Lowstutter, Carrie Cauthen, Louise Aldridge, Becky Cauthen, Margaret Dougherty, Jo-Ella Forten and Rebecca McNeill.

The horseback rider was Johanna Smith of Patrol 2 and the clown was Mary Anne Cuff of Patrol 3.

Troop 110, meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Norman Black with leader, Mrs. Aldridge, planned decorations for Girl Scout Sunday breakfast after mass. A fire building contest in the backyard between Patrols 1, 2 and 3 was won by Patrol 3.

CURRIE

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that Mr. Saunders probably would be a candidate, in view of Mr. Currie's withdrawal.

Mr. Currie, prominent Carthage businessman, church, civic and political leader represented the district in the State Senate in the 1943, 1947 and 1959 sessions and the 1956 special session. He represented Moore County in the House in the 1945 session. He is also a former Mayor of Carthage and served for 12 years as chairman of the Moore County Board of Commissioners. He is currently serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina and of St. Andrews Presbyterian College.

His statement said:
"I will not be a candidate this year for the State Senate from the Twelfth District. I am very grateful to the people of Moore County for the opportunities for service to the County and State which they have given me for so many years. Perhaps at some future time I can be of further service."

Other Developments
In other political developments this week, a primary race for a county board of education post developed when Mrs. John L. Frye of Robbins, an active Democrat and former county YDC president, filed for the seat now held by James A. Culbertson of Robbins, chairman of the board.

Culbertson and the other four members of the board have all filed as candidates in the Democratic primary. The other members are: T. Roy Phillips of Carthage, Rowland Upchurch of Highfalls, W. H. Matthews of Route 3, Carthage, and Jere McKeithen of Aberdeen.

Other new filers are Judge J. Vance Rowe of Moore County Recorder's Court and Ernest Campbell of the Vass community who filed for township constable. Sheriff W. B. Kelly filed last week for renomination.

The cotton equivalent of imported cotton textiles averaged about six per cent of U. S. mill consumption of cotton in 1960.

CULTURE LARNIN' IS FUN!

Great Books Study Group Is Enthusiastic About Program

Fourteen or fifteen people sitting bunched up around a big table in front of the fireplace in the North Carolina Room of the town library; several of them talking at once, the chairman ringing a bell or whirling a noisemaker rattle to calm things down; arguments flying, followed frequently by bursts of riotous laughter—just what is this?

Well, it was going on Monday night, and it would have been hard for an outsider to guess, if he came in, just what was going on. If he peered over shoulders and looked at the small paper-bound books lying open along the table, he'd be more puzzled than ever. Because the title of the books was: *The Wealth of Nations (Selections)* and the author was Adam Smith.

And, if he recognized the book and the author, he'd be still more mixed up. Because if ever there was a book seemingly less favorable to a book review, or even lively, high-keyed argument this is it.

Two a Month
"Book," of course, is the clue. This gathering was a meeting—they held two a month, Monday nights—of the local Great Books Society. Chairman David Drexel was there, with his colleague William R. Bonsal, guiding the discussion and around the table sat about three-quarters of the membership: Harry Vale, Mrs. Emanuel Sontag, Mrs. Charles Phillips, Mrs. Larry Lyerly, Miss Ethel Britt, Mrs. Clare W. Sausser, Mrs. Hazel Townsend, Edward Cox, and several visitors.

This was the eleventh meeting held by the group since it got off to a resounding start with a study of the Declaration of Independence, the lesson scheduled as the opener of the Great Books Discussion Readings. Since that first meeting, the program has covered: *Plato (Apology and Crito)*, *Sophocles (Antigone)*, *Aristotle (Politics, Book 1)*, *Plutarch (Lycurgus and Numa)*, *The Gospel According to St. Matthew*, *Epictetus (Discourses)*, *Machiavelli (The Prince)*, *Shakespeare (Macbeth)*, *Milton (Areopagitica)*. Each meeting, according to report, has brought forth good comment, lively argument (. . . "Any agreement?" "Well, some agreement.") Anyway, the folks turn up again with unflagging ambition every two weeks and tackle the new masterpiece on the list.

Questions
Questions that come to mind: is it doing any good (granted we know what that's supposed to

mean)? Let's say, rather: what, if anything, is it accomplishing? And you can't object that that doesn't matter because obviously the purpose of this Great Books course is to accomplish something. As one who listened and looked over shoulders the other night, we'd say: yes, it does accomplish something. Perhaps there couldn't be so much enthusiasm and general shouting and holding forth unless it was accomplishing something. It stimulates minds; it airs thinking; it starts the mental wheels turning. We would guess: it makes you feel good.

Adam Smith is undoubtedly the toughest nut these people have exercised their mental jaws on, yet they went at him with vim and vigor, not to mention those occasional sallies that evoked hoots of mirth. Dealing with economics and the science of government in eighteenth century England, this book opened the way for theorizing, for partisan opinion; sometimes the discussion edged toward religion ("Somebody explain why the three laborers in the vineyard got the same wages, though the last one only worked two hours—"), or politics, ("Sounds like WPA to me.") But it got heated back in time to avoid irritating clashes. This book gave no chance for the play of imagination or the study of man himself, such as must have been afforded by the discussions on *Macbeth* and *Antigone*.

Doubling Up
The list of books that are scheduled to be read and discussed in each year comes to 16; and the whole program is laid out for eight years, but the local group, by meeting twice a month, is doubling up the schedule and plans to start off on Year Two, (beginning with *Ecclesiastes*) as soon as they've done the next five books.

Enthusiasm is the keynote of this crowd. So much so that they have already been to Wilson, in answer to an appeal from kindred spirits over there, to help them start a Great Books adult education program. Mesdames Sontag and Phillips were the missionaries. There's no doubt that they have worked up a great head of steam among them, and should go far. Culture-larnin', among these folks, is alive and, decidedly, kicking. Not to say shouting.

And is it "accomplishing something"? Is it "worthwhile"? Oh, of course it is. What's more: it's fun.

—KLB

-- In and Out of Town --

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Fisher and their son, Gifford, left today for a month at Sea Island, Ga. where they have leased a cottage.

Mrs. Rex J. Howard of Johannesburg, South Africa, has been the guest of Mrs. Pearson Menoher for the past month. Mrs. Menoher plans to leave with Mrs. Howard March 18 for a six-weeks tour of Europe—with stops in England, Scotland, Holland and Italy—then on to South Africa for several months' vacation.

Mrs. Julian F. Barnes returned to her Knollwood home last week after a visit in Miami, Fla. She also accompanied the Harry Vales and their daughters to Haiti for a short stay there.

Here for the weekend with Mrs. S. D. Fobes were her daughter, Arden, and a Greensboro College classmate, Linda Taylor, of Arlington. Mrs. Fobes plans to spend this weekend visiting her daughter in Greensboro.

Mrs. H. A. Page, Jr. leaves next week for a 10-day visit with her

sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Coulter Craig, in Winter Park, Fla. En route, she expects to spend a few days at Sea Island, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bowen and children, Christy and Steve, of Lumberton, were weekend guests of Mrs. Bowen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Nicholson.

Charles Hewitt of Belle Vernon, Pa.; Mrs. Mary Gajdos and daughter of Ravenna, Ohio; Robert Hewitt, Jr. of Greensburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cole of Devonsburg, Pa. and Tommy Gajdos of Camp Kilmer, N. J., have all returned to their homes after attending the funeral of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hewitt. Also here were other relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John Mulholland and children, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mulholland and children of Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jones of Norfolk, Va. and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren and son, Chris, of Orlando, Fla.

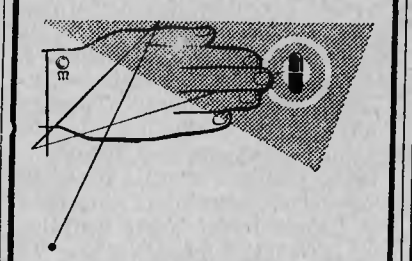
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CUSHMAN

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Sandhills Betterment Corporation in Aberdeen. He is a member of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club and the Elks Lodge and serves as a trustee of the United Church of Christ and as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Southern Pines Industrial Committee.

In discussing the importance of expanded hospital care—particularly as it benefits business and industry—Mr. Cushman said:
"Good hospital care facilities are among any area's greatest assets. Moore County and the surrounding areas are fortunate in having top quality care available at Moore Memorial Hospital. Our problem is one of space. As our population has grown, the hospital has not been able to expand quickly enough to keep pace. As a result we have had to crowd 143 beds in space approved for only 119; surgery must still be performed in space intended to handle the 33-bed original capacity of the hospital; every department has felt the pinch of growth."

"Business and industry have a major interest in the growth of this area. It is vital to the proper expansion of this area that we maintain the standards of available medical care at a high level, both in quality and necessary space."

RITTER

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his new appointment. He had also served the Carolina Bank as bookkeeper and teller and had previously been associated with the Pinehurst Warehouses, Inc., and the Carthage Truck and Implement Co.

Mr. Ritter's wife is the former Arlene Kennedy. They have a son, Dewey L. Ritter III, 11, and a daughter, Rebecca, 8. The family is moving to Southern Pines.

At West End, Mr. Ritter has been president of the Parent-Teacher Association in the current school year, is a member of the Lions Club and has been active in various civic projects.

A Baptist, he is a graduate of West End High School and continued his studies at the Sanford Business College and the American Institute of Banking. He served with the U. S. Army in Germany.

Mr. Ritter is the last officer of the local Southern National branch to be appointed before the local bank's opening, Mr. MacLean said.

Previously appointed have been William H. Gentry, Jr., vice president in charge of the Southern Pines office, and William E. Samuels, Jr., assistant vice president and manager of installment loans.



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